

Application Number: 10/573,052  
Examiner: HAVLIN, ROBERT H

**REMARKS**

Claims 2,13 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102((b) as being anticipated by the CAPLUS Abstract of the Journal of the American Chemical Society (1941) 63,2192-7.

Reconsideration is requested in view of this Amendment.

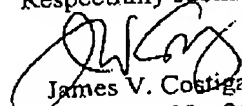
The CAPLUS reference was applied as anticipating claims 2, 13 and 17 because it disclosed a compound which anticipates the claim when A is furyl, and R is hydrogen as described by formula I. In response, formula I in claim 17 has been amended to exclude hydrogen or C1-C6 alkyl from the definition of formula I. This avoids any anticipatory effect of the CAPLUS reference and for these reasons, the rejection of claim 17 and claims 2 and 13 which depend from claim 17, as being anticipated by CAPLUS should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 2, 13 and 17 as being indefinite in the recitation of D as being monocyclic or polycyclic has been overcome by this Amendment which has deleted the recitation that D "can be mono or polycyclic".

The objection to claims 14-16 as being dependent on a rejected base claim has been avoided by the amendment of base claim 17 to place it in condition for allowance.

An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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